

Dear Fellow Nazarenes,

On May 22, 2011 a tornado swept through the town of Joplin, MO leaving many people with absolutely nothing to their name. During the months that followed many volunteers came to help clean up the debris and eventually begin rebuilding and repairing homes. It has been decided that the Joplin District will be building three new homes in the town of Joplin during the spring and summer of 2012. Our goal for this project is not just to rebuild homes but to witness to people in the area, to touch lives, develop relationships and to be the hands and feet of Christ.

The week of July 8th to 13th will be the week we will finish the homes. We will complete the interior, set cabinets, finish plumbing/electrical, landscape, build a swing set, flooring and it is complete!! Our goal is to help those that did not have insurance or were underinsured. We may possibly help someone that rented with the option to buy & now the house is gone. The families will be chose and the houses started in the spring of 2012.

During this week we will also host a Vacation Bible School at the Calvary Nazarene Church in Joplin. We are also planning to have a Youth Sports Camp. It is our vision to see Nazarenes of all ages help make this happen. We will have jobs for everyone ages 13 and up to do during this week. Along with the registration form is a volunteer application to be filled out. This application is very important as it will be used to place you in the most productive job for you during the week. We will place each person in the position where they will be the most effective to the project. There will be plenty of time to visit and be with friends, so please do not be discouraged if you are not in a group with your friend.....you will make new friends.

We will be staying at Ozark Christian College in Joplin. We will have evening services and other fun things to do during the week as well. You will need to have your registration and volunteer application turned in no later than February 3, 2012. Your payment, medical release form and additional insurance forms should be turned in no later than March 30, 2012. Please send all paperwork and payments made out to Joplin District Work & Witness to:

Ally Barnes
2000 Grand Avenue
Carthage, MO 64836

If you have any questions you may contact Ally Barnes at 417-793-3708 or email joplinnaz@yahoo.com .

We look forward to seeing what great things God will do in the town of Joplin through the obedience of His children to help those in need.

God Bless,
Ally Barnes
Rhonda Rhoades
Fred Toomey
Don Daniels
Kevin Binam